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Bootjack Trail at Mount Tamalpais State Park Still Closed for Repairs

MILL VALLEY – Two miles of Bootjack Trail currently under construction at Mt. Tamalpais State Park will remain closed through February. The stretch of trail falls between Muir Woods National Monument and the Bootjack Day-Use Area on Panoramic Highway. Park planners found the scope of repairs to be greater than expected once the project was started and pushed the reopening forward.

Even with the delay, the project is progressing as planned. Under the direction of California State Parks, California Conservation Corps crews are completing the installation of stone trail tread at eleven seasonal drainage crossings, about a half-mile of reroutes, five large and numerous small retaining wall repairs, scores of stone step repairs, replacement of nine bridges including one that spans 42 feet, and reshaping two miles of tread. This project will achieve improved watershed hydrology by removing unnatural water diversions and will return drainage to its natural flow. The resulting work will improve the surrounding habitat as well as make a safer and more sustainable trail.

State Parks is requesting all interested hikers in the area respect the trail closure for their safety and to allow crews to complete their work. Additional work will continue past the end of the February but the trail will be open at the end of February and safe for public use. Final project completion is expected in May.

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